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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1998/997)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	46th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.1) [8].

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [28]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/458);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.12).

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m. 47th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/53/429) [50].

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24].

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 26th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14

2. Environment and sustainable development [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.17

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.15

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.16

3. Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997/2006) [98]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.18

4. Training and research [96]

(a) United Nations University (A/53/31, Suppl. No. 31, A/53/408, A/53/392 and Add.1)

Introductory statements and general discussion

5. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [97] (A/53/163-E/1998/79, A/53/72-E/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

Introductory statement and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107] (A/53/282, A/53/310)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 am.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Programme planning (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations reform: measures and proposals [30]

Human resources management [119]

Human resources management reform (A/53/414)

Address by the Secretary-General

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118] (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28)

Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL)

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania) will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (agenda item 104) *today*, 28 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Announcement

The compilation of proposals in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.8 on the triennial policy review will be available by noon *today*, 28 October 1998, in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 28 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (a): Trade and development; and item93 (e): Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's)

10 a.m.-11.15 a.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 108: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 94: United Nations Environment Programme)

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

CENTRAL AMERICAN GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 92 (a): Business and development (A/C.2/53/L.7))

3 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8))

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Informal consultations

The informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development), which were scheduled for *today*, 28 October 1998, have been postponed until Thursday, 29 October, at 3 p.m,. and will be held in Conference Room 8.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency", organized by the delegation of Slovenia, will be held *today*, 28 October 1998, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B.

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Seminar

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place *today*, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 48th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298/Add.2) [8].
2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee [22]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/306);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.9).
3. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [34]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/435);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.14).
4. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference [26]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/430);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.13).
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity: report of the Secretary-General (A/53/419) [35].
6. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community [23]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/275 and Add.1);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.15).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4
Afternoon*	informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the First Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" will be held on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Ali Boulinan, Mayor from Tunisia, representing the World Assembly of Cities and Local Authorities Coordination (WACLAC); Mr. Valentino Castellani, Mayor of Turin, Italy; Mr. Shabbir Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP; Mr. Millard Fuller, President, Habitat for Humanity, Professor Robert Geddes, Former President, American Institute of Architects (AIA) (New York Chapter), Professor Emeritus and former Dean, School of Architecture, Princeton University; and Dr. Irene Wiese v. Ofen, President, International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP). Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi and Acting Executive Director, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), and Mr. Burak Özügergin, Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, will be co-chairs of the panel discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. Copies of the preliminary draft can be obtained in room S-2950.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 194th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review the draft annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2). The meeting will be open to observers.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open until Monday, 2 November.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation, to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. The conference room will be announced in the *Journal*. A revised version of the non-paper is available for pick-up in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on item 95: Triennial policy review (A/C.2/53/L.8))* on Thursday, 29 October 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on illicit traffic in small arms, organized by the delegation of South Africa, on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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Seminars

A seminar on the theme "Roll Back Malaria Global Partnership", organized by WHO, UNDP, UNICEF and the World Bank, will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Speakers will include Mr. David Nabarro, newly appointed Project Manager of Roll Back Malaria, WHO; Mr. Ok Pannenborg, Sector Leader, Health Population and Nutrition, Africa Region, World Bank; Mr. Kopano Mukelabai, Senior Health Adviser, UNICEF; and a representative from the Social Development and Poverty Elimination Division, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/53/L.13 entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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Briefing

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) on Thursday, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

44th plenary meeting

Report of the International Court of Justice (A/53/4) [13]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice (A/53/4).

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Pakistan, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mexico, Uruguay, Guatemala and Ecuador.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 13.

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Japan and Malawi.

45th plenary meeting

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24]

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Senegal, Algeria, Burkina Faso, India, the Republic of Korea, China, Malaysia, South Africa, Pakistan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Singapore, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Cameroon and the United States.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 16th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work.

Thematic discussion on item subjects

A statement was made by the representative of Mongolia.

Presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80

The representative of Ireland introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.48, and statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, South Africa, Chile, Pakistan, Egypt, Brazil, Mexico and India.

The representative of Poland introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.38.

The representative of New Zealand introduced draft resolution A/C.1/53/L.11.

The representative of Nigeria introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/53/L.8, L.9 and L.29.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 12th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine and Chile (also on behalf of member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay), as well as Bolivia).

The representative of India (on behalf of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.7.

The representative of Algeria made an editorial comment about the French text of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.7, without a vote.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 82.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that, as scheduled on the programme of work, the next item for consideration would be agenda item 85 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping in all their aspects). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

THIRD COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Israel and Morocco.

After a suspension of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jordan, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

26th meeting

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda items 108 and 109 and heard statements by the representatives of Iraq, Indonesia, Israel, the Republic of Moldova, India, Eritrea, France, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cyprus, Tunisia, Sri Lanka, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Singapore, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, the United States and El Salvador.

Right of reply

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Ethiopia and Eritrea in the exercise of the right of reply.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the items.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to modify the time limit for statements under agenda items 110 (b), (c), (d) and (e) as follows: (a) For individual delegations: speaking on one sub-item, 7 minutes; speaking on two sub-items, 10 minutes; speaking on all four sub-items, 15 minutes; (b) For groups of delegations: a maximum of 30 minutes.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 14th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the United Kingdom, Japan, Chile, France, China and the United States.

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COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION
Twentieth session 8th meeting

Note: The summary of the 8th meeting of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/208).

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 1998

1708th and 1709th meetings

The Committee considered the draft General Comment regarding Article 12 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER 1998

1710th and 1711th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the initial report of Armenia (CCPR/C/92/Add.2).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1998

1712th and 1713th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (CCPR/C/102/Add.1).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Qatar (13 October 1998)*

Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses. New York, 21 May 1997

Ratification: South Africa (26 October 1998)*

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17 July 1998

Signature: Namibia (27 October 1998)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Special event

A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 until Thursday, 29 October, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. *Today*, 28 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "Reducing Tension in South Africa: NGO Proposals" and at 3.15 p.m. on the theme "Emerging Partnership on Small Arms."

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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